

# RSHAPPENINGS

*The official newsletter of Richmond State Hospital*



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## Our Mission:

To provide individualized patient care as the center of all we do.

## Our Values:

Recovery  
Strength  
Hope

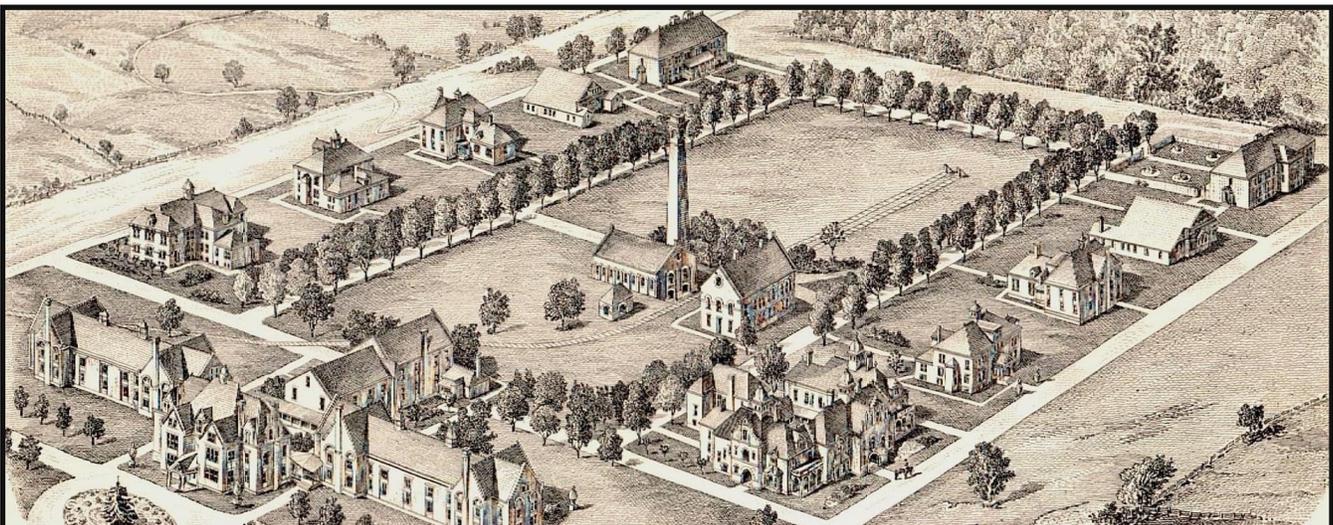
## Our Vision:

To be a Center of Excellence that meets the evolving public health and patient care needs through:

Community Partnerships  
Innovation  
Technology  
Evidence-based Practice

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# Superintendent's Message

**By Paul Stanley, MHA**

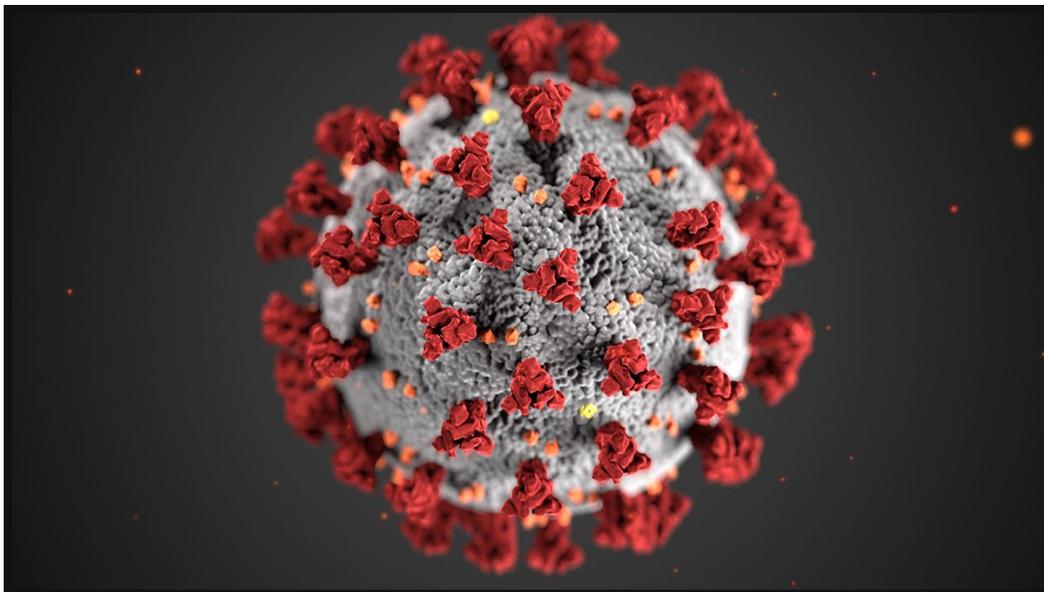
As our country is preparing for an increase in COVID-19 cases, we strive to keep all staff as informed as possible. The CDC has added three new symptoms, which include:

- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Symptoms can range from mild to severe and appear 2-14 days after exposure.

Other symptoms include:

- Fever
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat



# New Employees



Kenneth Allen  
BHRA



Olivia Bettelon  
BHRA



Kaylee Geise  
BHRA



Laura Hillard  
BHRA



William Hollon  
BHRA



Scott Hunt  
BHRA



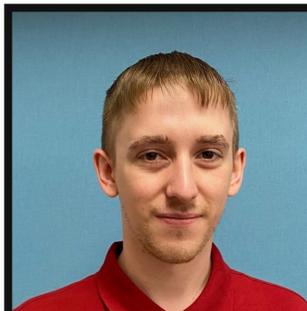
Amanda Lee  
BHRA



Kaitlyn Morgan  
BHRA



Samantha Porter  
BHRA



Dakota Resler  
BHRA



Andrew Stacey  
BHRA



Aiyana Thorup  
BHRA



Israel West  
BHRA

# Nursing Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Tina Williams, who was selected as May's Nursing Employee of the Month!

Tina works on 422B and was nominated by multiple supervisors for being a valuable asset to her team. Other comments were she has a very good attitude and is very cheerful even in stressful times, she is always willing to assist on the floor, pass medications, or go to the clinic with patients, she works well with patients and staff and is always professional including working with other disciplines and outside entities. Tina also assists new employees as she is a strong resource and will do anything asked of her without complaint and has been a loyal, dedicated employee for many years.



Thank you, Tina for all you do. Enjoy your parking spot!

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## ERC Updates

Richmond State Hospital's Employee Recognition Committee (ERC) is working hard to offer new activities for staff. including scheduling a monthly food truck. For June, ERC hosted Mojo's Gyros during BHRA week. If there is a particular food truck you would like to see on campus, please contact any member of the ERC.



The ERC has also begun planning a week full of celebratory activities for the 130 Year Anniversary. If you are interested in joining this planning committee, please contact Rachelle Woods ([Rachelle.Woods@fssa.in.gov](mailto:Rachelle.Woods@fssa.in.gov)). The ERC would love to hear your ideas!

## Lucy: RSH Therapy Dog

A little bit about Lucy: Lucy will be 6 years old July 1, 2020. She is a Border Collie, German Shepherd, and is AKC registered mix breed. She enjoys getting treats, playing in her back yard, being around people and loves their attention. She has received her training through the Whitewater Valley Dog Training Club. Her training includes Family Pet, Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Canine Good Citizen Advanced (CGCA) and Therapy Dog. She has passed the requirements and testing and received her AKC, CGC, CGCA certificates and is a certified and registered Therapy Dog through Therapy Dog International (TDI).

Therapy Dogs receive training and must meet a set standards to be certified and registered. They have completely different job duties from service dogs. Service dogs perform specific duties for their handler, such as see and eye, search and rescue, detect seizures, etc. A therapy dog's responsibility is to provide affection, comfort and support to people, other than their handlers. These dogs have an even temperament, calm personalities, are friendly and open to meeting strangers. They should also be able to adjust to loud noises and fast movements. Typically, they visit hospitals, schools, hospices, day cares and nursing homes. Unlike service dogs, therapy dogs are encouraged to interact with a variety of people while they are on-duty, which includes petting and snuggling. Handlers may also discuss proper dog handling, care, and expenses and may also have their dog perform tricks.

Thank you to Lucy's handler, Kim Phillips for allowing Lucy to serve the patients and staff of Richmond State Hospital . We appreciate you both!



# Campus Beautification

Thank you to each and every staff members who participated in our Campus Beautification Day on June 11, 2020. Everyone's effort made a huge difference to Richmond State Hospital's campus.



In addition to our clean-up, Rehab Therapists, Carolyn Miller and Aubrey Blue, went flower shopping in order to spruce up the courtyards and fill different flower pots around RSH. The plants were bought from Meijer, Pleasant View Nursery and Rose City Nursery.

The hope is that they help brighten your day as you drive through our beautiful campus!



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## Upcoming in July

National Therapeutic Recreation Week: July 5 - 11, 2020

RSHappenings will become a weekly newsletter beginning July 2020.  
If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact Kathy Stone ([Kathy.Stone@fssa.in.gov](mailto:Kathy.Stone@fssa.in.gov)).